

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19 and 24. Please amend claims 20-22, 25 and 28. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3000 g/m²/24 hrs.
3. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 3500 g/m²/24 hrs.
4. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable polymer is an aliphatic polyester.
5. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable polymer is selected from the group consisting of polycaprolactone, polybutylene succinate, poly(butylene succinate-adipate), polylactic acid, a terpolymer of terephthalic acid, adipic acid, and 1,4-butanediol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
6. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the water soluble polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 100%.

9. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has an elongation at break of greater than about 200%.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film includes from about 5% to about 30% water soluble polymer by weight of the biodegradable film.

12.-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the biodegradable film has a thickness of from about 0.01 to about 5 mils.

15.-16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the product is a diaper, training pant, feminine pad, panty liner, incontinence product, wound dressing or delivery system.

18. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the product is disposable.

19. (Cancelled).

20. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the film has an elongation at break of about 350% or greater.

21. (Currently amended) A personal care product comprising a biodegradable film formed from a stretched precursor film comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the biodegradable film comprises from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the biodegradable film and wherein the film is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length while in contact with an aqueous solution.

22. (Currently amended) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the stretched precursor film ~~comprises a blended mixture of the biodegradable polymer and the water soluble polymer and the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.~~

23. (Previously presented) The personal care product of claim 21, wherein the water soluble polymer is polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, or a copolymer thereof.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A personal care product comprising a biodegradable film formed from a stretched precursor film comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the water soluble polymer is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length while in contact with an aqueous solution and comprises polyethylene oxide, polyethylene glycol, or a copolymer thereof.

26. (Previously Presented) The personal care product of claim 25, wherein the biodegradable film has a water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 2500 g/m²/24 hrs.

27. (Previously Presented) A personal care product comprising a biodegradable film formed from a stretched precursor film comprising a blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the precursor film was stretched while in contact with an aqueous solution to form the biodegradable film.

28. (Currently Amended) A personal care product comprising an outer cover layer, a liquid permeable liner layer, and an absorbent body between the outer cover layer and the liner layer,

wherein the liner layer is bonded to the outer cover layer and to the absorbent body, the outer cover layer comprising a stretched blended mixture of a biodegradable polymer and a water soluble polymer, wherein the outer cover layer is stretched from about 100 to about 500 percent of its original length while in contact with an aqueous solution; and

wherein the outer cover layer comprises from about 70% to about 95% biodegradable polymer by weight of the outer cover layer.